



## Helping Haiti



St. George Catholic School students have been working hard at making sleeping mats for the people of Haiti out of milk bags. Clockwise from left are Paige Moran, Sierra Rossini, Anna Kasprick, Taye Lafontaine, Morgan Boothby, Carley Nan and Emily Barnatt.

# Trainers and track officials eager to get started

Trainer hoping to get 1,000th win on Port Erie turf this season

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Trainer Nick Gonzalez is hoping for his fourth training title at the Port Erie Racetrack and is only 31 wins away from a milestone of 1,000.

"I really hope I get it in Port Erie," said Gonzalez.

"It would be fine if it happens at Woodbine, but Port Erie is home and we've already started planning a mini celebration."

From his home in

Florida, Gonzalez said he "can't wait to get started" and that he is going to start getting ready as soon as possible.

"We'll have horses moving in right away. We'll have a full barn and we'll start with about 30 and add more as we go along," he said.

For the last two racing seasons, there was a lot of uncertainty leading up to the first race date, whether there would even be one.

In December, the provincial government announced that it would put forward \$5.6 million for the next three years, allowing for the racetrack to be operated as a non-profit organization.

Also for the agreement to work, the Town of Port Erie will need to allocate \$500,000 for each of the three years. Earlier this year, the Town approved its first of the three payments.

The Port Erie Live Racing Consortium is the non-profit's title and its chief executive officer Jim Thibert said things are on the right track.

"We're spending so much time on this and putting so much work into it," said Thibert, who is also the general manager of the Port Erie Economic Development and Tourism Corporation.

There are nine management positions to be filled and Thibert said there has been several applications submitted, mostly by individuals who are experienced in the thoroughbred racing industry.



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### Have you HEARD?

By Alaina Hillier, M.D. CMC  
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# Emergency room wait time angers resident

➤ Wife spends nearly six hours with husband, waiting to see doctor

Kris Dubé  
The Times

Nancy Beam feels something needs to change when it comes to the delivery of health care services to Niagara residents.

One night last week, Beam was getting her husband Jim ready for bed. He has been suffering from dementia for the last seven years and she regularly checks his blood pressure before the day closes.

She became startled when he gave her a very high reading, so she decided to call emergency services. A quick response from the local paramedics and firefighters gave her some

peace of mind to start but upon arrival to the Greater Niagara General Hospital (GNGH)'s emergency room, emotions started to swell.

The Beam's arrived at the hospital in Niagara Falls at about 11 p.m. After three hours of Jim waiting on a stretcher, he was finally admitted to a bed.

Before they took him out of a hallway into the room, Beam said she had to drape him in coats to keep him warm.

At one point, she had to get the attention of a nurse because Jim was bleeding profusely from his arm after a blood sample had been taken, as he takes blood thinners for his condition.

"I was scared to death," she said while sharing her story with the *Times* at the couple's rural Stevensville property this week.

“We've got to do something about this health system and we need to get Douglas Memorial back.”

-Nancy Beam

She said the staff at the hospital was doing everything they could and was pleased with each nurse and the one doctor she and Jim dealt with.

They provided the best care they could for her husband, but in her opinion there is a problem at the upper levels.

She feels the Niagara Health System (NHS)'s hospital improvement plan

is flawed, saying that downgrading emergency rooms to urgent care centres in small communities like Fort Erie has a negative impact.

By the time the one doctor on duty at the emergency department that night came to see Jim, it was 5:45 a.m., almost six hours after they first arrived.

This is what frustrates Beam the most.

"We've got to do something about this health system and we need to get Douglas Memorial back," said Beam, who claims she and Jim never had to go through such an ordeal when Douglas Memorial was a fully-serviced emergency room and he needed medical attention.

Beam feels groups like the Yellow Shirt Brigade deserve praise for all their efforts in voicing their

opposition to recent health care changes in Niagara and all over Ontario, saying the more people they have on their side, the bigger the impact that can be made.

"I'm only one person and I wish I could do more to help," she said.

Since Jim's diagnosis seven years ago, Nancy has done everything she can for her husband, including elaborate renovations to their home that make his day-to-day life easier.

She said she will continue to provide love and care for him in every way she can and having to wait almost six hours to see a doctor at an emergency room is simply unacceptable in her opinion.

"I've worked too hard to keep my husband alive and well this long."

Caroline Bourque-Wiley, the NHS's public affairs officer said that long wait

times are being felt all over the province and that it isn't just in Niagara and that the severity of a case is a key determining factor of how long it takes for a patient to see a doctor, when emergency rooms are busy.

"It depends on what they're triaged as and what their condition is," she said.

The most recent study for wait times at GNGH, taken in October 2009, shows that patients who are suffering from a high acuity and more complex condition are in the hospital for an average of 16 hours. The provincial average is 11 hours.

Low acuity patients, suffering from minor or uncomplicated conditions are staying in the hospital for 5.3 hours and the provincial average is 4.8 hours.

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# Old Fort getting new visitors centre

➤ Three heritage sites to benefit from funding in preparation for 1812 bicentennial

Kris Dubé  
The Times

The provincial and federal governments are investing a considerable amount of money into the future of Niagara's history.

On Saturday, at a press conference at the Old Fort, Niagara's MP Rob Nicholson and MPP Kim Craltor announced that both governments will be putting forward \$4.47 million each for a total of \$8.94 million in stimulus funding to rejuvenate three heritage sites within the

Niagara Parks Commission. The Old Fort will see a new visitors centre that will include a theatre, a museum, public restrooms, along with archive and storage spaces.

The McFarland House in Niagara-on-the-Lake will be able to expand its orientation area and see infrastructure improvements to make it more accessible for visitors and staff.

At the Laura Secord House, a "village within a village" will be made available through the construction of an indoor gathering space to offer improvements to interpretive areas and provide opportunities to host larger gatherings and community events.

This funding comes in preparation for the War of 1812 bicentennial celebration, taking place in two years. It is expected that thousands of history enthusiasts from all over the world will be flocking to Niagara in droves to celebrate the historic event.

"The government of Canada is proud to take an active role in the bicentennial commemorations of the War of 1812, an event that was central to shaping Canada's identity," said Nicholson, who is also Canada's justice minister.

"Today's announcement is good news for the Niagara region, not only for the local economy, but also as a reflection of the importance of commemorating the historic events that took place in this area, so many years ago," he added.

Craltor said it is important to invest in something like a visitor's centre at the Old Fort, since it will enhance the experience of visitors at the site and highlight the important role Fort Erie played in the War of 1812 in an accurate context.

"This site will become an important starting point for our American visitors to start their tour of the prominent

Niagara frontier battlefields during and beyond the bicentennial celebrations," said Craltor.

Archie Katzman, the Niagara Parks Commission's interim chairman said he wanted to personally thank the federal and provincial governments and their local representatives for their efforts in securing this joint infrastructure funding.

"These investments in our past will allow us to properly showcase these venues and tell our unique stories so that future generations will know of the important contributions the residents, soldiers and warriors of this region made to the development of this country," said Katzman.



Kim Craltor, Niagara Falls MPP and Rob Nicholson, Niagara Falls MP, at a press conference last Saturday at the Old Fort. Both the federal and provincial governments are combining for \$8.94 in stimulus funding to rejuvenate three Niagara Parks Commission heritage sites.

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## our editorial

# Don't dismiss Earth Hour as being unimportant

It might not seem like much, but it really can make a difference.

Tonight at 8:30 p.m. is Earth Hour, a time where Canadians are encouraged to flip the switch and not use any power for 60 minutes. Some people might say things like "it's not going to make a difference" or "that's when my favourite TV program is on."

Have you ever heard of making a sacrifice?

If you absolutely need to watch your favourite show, wait until it is repeated or go online and try to find it.

If you don't think your participation matters...think again.

There are millions of people from all over with that mindset and if all of them were to say to them-

selves that perhaps it could be fun to go without electricity for an hour, then truly a massive difference can be made.

Aside from the issues surrounding conservation, there is more to Earth Hour than that.

It could be a time for a family to play a board game or just share old stories with one another.

Instead of dismissing this idea as something you don't see the importance or relevance of, take the time to think about how it is important and don't just say you won't participate because you're too lazy to turn off the lights and TV.

-Kris Dubé



## Do You Remember?

As we received no calls about last week's photo, it will go back in the unidentified people binders which are always available for viewing at the Museum.

This week's photo

shows four distinguished gentlemen with their prisoner.

What was his crime? Does his lack of beard have anything to do with it? We have a guess as to who the Waverley

Chapter was, but we need confirmation, especially the names of the people and the event.

Please call the museum at (905) 894-5322 or send an email to museum@forterietimes.com.

## Editor honoured to be guest speaker at Rotary Club meeting



**Kris Dubé**  
The Times

It's always nice to get something off your chest, especially when it is positive and not a complaint or endless rant.

It's also very reward-

ing to know people are interested in what you do and what route you took to get there.

This past Tuesday, I was the guest speaker at a Fort Erie Rotary Club meeting and it felt really good to say some of the things I did.

I was invited a few weeks ago to address the local service clubs members at an upcoming meeting at a local restaurant and I gladly accept-

ed.

I will admit, nervousness definitely set in considering this would be the first time I ever spoke in front of a crowd since I was recited a speech in front of the entire school when I was in grade seven about my family dog.

This speech was much different.

I was asked to focus on my role as the editor of a weekly newspaper and certain things it involves.

I explained the different responsibilities I have such as writing and assigning stories, laying out pages and accepting letters to the editor.

I spoke about the process of finding a story and how deciphering what is considered newsworthy and what isn't is sometimes a challenge.

But overall, I focused on the road I traveled to get where I am today and how being able to land a

job like mine in the town I grew up in is hard to come by.

When I head out of the office for a story, seldom do I have to go on Mapquest to find out how to get there.

I know this town like the back of my hand and this was the case before I even started at The Times.

These are just a few of the topics I brought up in my speech and in answers to questions some of the

club's members had for me when I finished.

It was a great experience and I am glad I was able to share a story, while attempting to conquer my fears of public speaking at the same time. I truly am glad I participated.

If you would like to leave me feedback, call me at (905) 871-3100 ext. 207 or send me an email at editor@forterietimes.com.

# opinion page

## Yellow Shirt Brigade has a lot planned

Dear Editor,

Spring is here and it is a time when people get moving again after a long cold winter, a time to be motivated and back into shape. Well, the Yellow Shirt Brigade has been working hard throughout the winter and will welcome all the support you can give us in our fight for health care.

We had a well attended Public Forum and your friends and neighbours stood up and spoke of personal health issues encountered during medical emergencies.

They spoke from their hearts and with emotion that should, and the key word here is should, show the LHIN, NHS, and the government that their HIP plan is putting all our lives at risk.

These stories tell of extremely long waits in the only available emergency departments left to us, and also in UCCs because of understaffing and stress of medical personnel.

They told of stress in patients and staff and unclear areas where they waited, and of ambulance staff having to wait hours with patients behind whose ambulances tied up and not in service.

The Anzovino family spoke about Beilly, who lost her young life on Boxing Day.

All of these stories are on Youtube and you can see and hear them for yourselves. Just search 'Youtube' and when it comes up type in Yellow Shirt Gang and they will all be there.

You can look at one, or all, at your leisure. That should show everyone what a dangerous situation the LHIN and the NHS have put us in.

Yesterday another yellowshirt and I went to the open LHIN Board Meeting. We were so pleased because some of the board members actually questioned some of the reports and statistics regarding how well they are doing.

They are now hearing the cries of the people who are losing services and being put into hardship and jeopardy. When we were leaving I handed out a couple of compendiums with the DVD and also copies of an email sent to Ms. Gledhill in which I explained that we understood how busy she was, and would let her board members know how to view and listen to the open Town Hall forum speakers, and the link to get there on their own computers.

We are still very active and continue to be. The "powers that be" are now listening and we have to make the voice louder. Please don't sit back and give in. We need you all.

Andrea Horwath, leader of the NDP party is going to be in Niagara Falls on April 6th at the Judy LaMarsh Library i at 10:30 a.m. and she wants to hear from you. Go out and tell your stories and let her know just how bad it is!

If any of the other political parties want to come to Niagara and meet the people and hear about our lack of Health Care we will be more than happy to help in any way we can.

I personally do not want to affiliate myself to any one party, nor does many of you, but, as we all know, they can promise you anything pre election time, but do not keep those same promises once they get in.

That has been shown to us time and time again. Kim Craitor is the exception.

He is always there for us. It is not about who started this mess in Health Care but about who stops it!

Joy Russell  
Yellow Shirt Brigade

## The TIMES Asks

How will you be participating in Earth Hour tonight at 8:30 p.m.?



Petrina Iselok



Myra Robertson



Dana Dorschner



Tamara Pierce

"The kids and I are going to find creative and fun ways to use a flashlight."

"I'll be participating by just spending some quality time with my puppy."

"I'll be having a party and all the guests are required to have shut off all the lights at their home before arriving."

"We'll be shutting off all the lights and electronics and sitting by the fireplace."

### What do you think?

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## Compu-Meds thanks community for support

Dear Editor,

We would like to thank all of our loyal clients, staff, supporters, family and friends for all their contributions, dedication and hard work attributed to our dreams that we put into Compu-Meds Technologies here in our hometown of Fort Erie.

We regret to inform that our doors will be closed as of Saturday March 27th 2010. Compu-Meds has been a big part of the community and have supported a great many organizations, foundations, clubs and participated in a great many scholarship funds for local youth to continue their careers of choice in the IT industry. For that we are thankful. We value our contributions and look to continue

on as individual contributors and supporters of local activities and organizations. What makes the Town of Fort Erie so genuine is the kindness we have towards each other and the willingness to help. Such has been met with Compu-Meds.

The service Compu-Meds offered was built on client relations, expertise and a genuine willingness to help all those who came through the door. That has not changed. There are other service providers in our area who can provide for a continuation of services. These can be found at the Local Chamber of Commerce and we would be happy to consult and advise if you see us around town.

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peaks and valleys, successes and failures of which we all have learned and look to grow from. It is from the bottom of our hearts we say thank you for all that you have done in helping us realize our dreams and that with enough hard work anything is possible.

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Michael Elcich  
Matthew Warzech  
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## Congratulations to our New CEO

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## Art is everywhere



Fort Erie Heritage Arts Legacy chair Ruby Smith and photographer Ray Ordinario in front of the Mahoney's Doll House Gallery on the Niagara Boulevard. Last weekend, invited guests were treated to an exhibit of Ordinario's. To read the whole story, visit [www.forterietimes.com](http://www.forterietimes.com).

## Martial books



Recently, the Fort Erie Public Library kicked off its March Break events with a demonstration from CMA Martial Arts and many other activities. Seen here are Tyra Houghton, back left, Shelby Lesley, Shannon Burgess, Liam Burgess, Hannah Lesley, front left, Connor Reece and Breea Houghton. A local radio station even visited the library and broadcasted from there all day.



# Meals on Wheels serves up smiles

Mayor Martin delivers hot and fresh meals for a day

Kris Dubé  
The Times

Since 1971, Fort Erie Meals on Wheels has been serving the local community.

On Wednesday, clients were greeted by someone other than the volunteer that normally delivers to their doorstep.

As part of the 'Mayors for Meals' Day, mayor Doug Martin offered some of his time to deliver a number of hot and fresh meals to some of the 120 clients the local organization serves.

After his route, Martin said it's very rewarding to see the smiles on people's

faces when he arrived. He said it is truly evident that this is something clients look forward to every week, both because the meals are well-prepared and because it is a social time for them and they are glad to have someone drop by to say hello.

"It's really nice to see how appreciative of the service they really are," said Martin.

"It's a great program and it was a great experience," he added.

Nancy Richer has been volunteering with Fort Erie Meals on Wheels for a number of years, but due to health reasons she is taking a little bit of a break. Once she is fully recovered, she said she won't waste any time with getting back into the swing of things, helping out with an organization that does such good things.

"As soon as I'm ready, I'll

get back to doing it. I enjoy it and people need it," said Richer, whose home was one of the stops on Martin's route.

Fort Erie Meals on Wheels executive director Nancy Ryan said the feedback she received from some clients and volunteers who joined Martin on his adventure was great. She agrees having someone as recognizable as the mayor involved is an excellent way to raise awareness about the program.

She said the organization is always looking for more volunteers as the amount of people served fluctuates as time goes on. This also applies to clients just as much as it does for volunteers.

"People come and go based on their needs," said Ryan.



Elbert and Nancy Richer with mayor Doug Martin on Mayors for Meals Day on Wednesday. This is the second time the local organization has participated in this event, originally started by Meals on Wheels in the U.S.



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Candidates interested in applying are requested to submit a resume and letter stating the reason why they wish to serve. Please direct correspondence to Mrs. Debbie Sevenpiper, Secretary to the Board of Trustees, President and Chief Executive Officer, c/o 155 Ontario Street, St. Catharines, ON, L2H 3K3.

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This closure is necessary to construct a sanitary sewage pumping station and foremain.

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# Ask the Expert

## Ask a Restaurateur

**Q:** What makes some restaurants more successful than others?

**A:** The most important ingredient for a successful eatery is location. Most successful restaurants join higher density residential/business districts. Clustering of eateries helps establish a successful culinary destination. Secondly, to ensure repeat business you must be consistent. Food quality, fair prices, a pleasant atmosphere and an attentive staff are essential. Being a restaurateur all of my life, I have seen a lot of successful businesses thrive with those basic principles. However, success doesn't happen overnight. Years of repeat business sustain them through lower economic times.

There are several restaurants in Greater Fort Erie that have been successful for many years. Not only are they frequented by many local patrons but also serve as ambassadors. Recently at The Old Bank Bistro a couple of NCAA basketball reporters from Kansas City, Missouri dined with us. Visitors take home a taste of Fort Erie as well as Canada. As The Old Bank Bistro and other established restaurants in the area thrive, people from all parts of the world can say that Fort Erie is on the culinary map. The keys are location and consistency!

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**Q:** What are the tax implications if I want to transfer or reassign my prepaid funeral to another funeral home?

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**Q:** What can we do for Earth Day?

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Dean Bell  
Executive with  
Friends of Fort Erie's Creek

The Friends of Fort Erie's Creek celebrate Earth Day through planting on April 17th and our fourth annual Walk for Earth Day and Eco Fair on April 24th. For more information or to participate call us at 905-871-3059.



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on April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010

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## Ask a Dentist

**Q:** What are the pros and cons of electric toothbrushes?

**A:** As one point in my dental career I was somewhat skeptical of the electric brush. Like many patients they seem to work fine but the batteries inevitably die and if you are anything like me, you are slow to getting around to replacing them. The novelty wore off and their effectiveness was questionable.

With time and improvements the rechargeable electric brush has come in to its own. As one point I would recommend them for very young or very old, or in their motor co-ordination and manual dexterity is often questionable. I now recommend them to everyone. Numerous studies have shown them to be much more effective plaque removers than a regular brush, but what really sold me on them was the built in timer. It is not how often you brush or how long, but how well. The timer and oscillating action ensure a more thorough and effective form of oral hygiene. As effective as the rechargeable timed brush is, you still need to *brush*.



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## Ask our Pharmacists

**Q:** Is there any cure for the common cold?

**A:** Cough and cold season is here again. There are many questions about which medication is best. Unfortunately, there is no cure for the stuffy head, runny nose, cough, sore throat, but there are ways to treat the symptoms. Tylenol or Advil can be used to treat fever and help with discomfort. Drink plenty of fluids to help loosen congestion. Saline nasal sprays and drops can also be used to loosen mucus. Turn down the heat in the house. Warm, dry air can be more difficult to breathe and may cause irritation. Topical rubs such as Vick's, contain menthol, camphor and eucalyptus and provide a feeling of being able to breathe easier.



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# Cordiner renews candidacy

Ridgeway-resident Shirley Cordiner is seeking a spot on regional council, for a second term.

Cordiner served as a councillor for the Town of Fort Erie from 1997 to 2000.

She served as a member and chair of the Niagara Regional Police Services board from 1991-2001 and served as trustee on the Niagara South Board of Education from 1994-1997.

She is chair of the Greater Fort Erie Health Services Board and chair of the Fort Erie Community Policing Committee.

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## Business After Five



Joanne Ochej trying out some hors d'oeuvres provided by Fort Erie Secondary School hospitality and tourism students Tasha Falkner and Adele Grimaldi at the Greater Fort Erie Chamber of Commerce's Business After Five event on Thursday.

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## Request for Public Opinion on the Proposed Nursing Home Annual Licence Renewal of

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In accordance with the *Nursing Homes Act*, public opinion is being requested prior to a final decision being made on the above.

If you have comments or opinions and wish to bring them to the attention of the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, you may submit them by April 30, 2010 to:

Director under the Nursing Homes Act  
Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care  
Performance Improvement and Compliance Branch  
55 St. Clair Avenue West, 8th Floor, Suite 800  
Toronto, Ontario M4V 2T7  
Phone: 416-327-7345 Fax: 416-327-4486

Please include the name of the nursing home and quote Project #017-11 on all written submissions.

The Director will consider all submissions before making a final decision.



**Easter Hours**  
All branches of the Fort Erie Public Library will be closed on Friday, April 2; Sunday, April 4, and Monday, April 5. All branches will be open on Saturday, April 3. The Cancer Game Bridges Community Health will offer information on cancer and treatments in a friendly, easy to take format. All are welcome. Wed, April 7, 7 p.m., Crystal Ridge Branch. Free admission



# Don't forget to say 'lights out' for an hour tonight

➤ Town of Fort Erie and Fortis encourage residents to participate

Lights out...tonight.

In February, council passed a resolution to add its name to the hundreds of thousands of Canadian individuals and organiza-

tions that will turn off their lights for just one hour, during "Earth Hour," which takes place tonight, starting at 8:30 p.m.

Town facilities will participate in turning off the lights, where possible.

Canadian Niagara Power, a FORTIS Ontario company, has partnered with the Town to bring Earth Hour to Fort Erie by encouraging residents to turn off their

lights for one hour.

The demonstration originally began in 2007 in Sydney, Australia, where over 2 million residents and businesses turned off non-essential lights for one hour.

This resulted in a ten per cent reduction in Sydney's electrical grid - the equivalent of taking 48,000 cars off the road for one year.

In 2008, more than 400

cities and over 50 million people demonstrated their continued commitment to slowing the effects of climate change.

In 2009 the goal of reaching 1,000 cities was surpassed with over 4,000 cities participating and the message reaching over 1 billion people.

"This is a simple action Fort Erie residents can take to demonstrate their con-

cern about the impact of climate change," said Fortis Ontario CEO, Bill Daley.

"Not only will this show Fort Erie can be part of the local solution, by participating we will also be sharing our concern with millions all over the globe," said mayor Martin.

Climate change is the biggest environmental

threat to our planet and the number one concern for Canadians and is already showing its impact.

Participating in Earth Hour is a simple way to show that you want to be part of the solution and sends a powerful message to others that, together, we can make a difference, agrees the Town and Fortis.

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# ALC gala set to be lavish and elegant event

Still seats available for fundraiser

Kris Dubé  
The Times

The Fort Erie Adult Literacy Council (ALC) bi-annual gala is always a lav-

ish event and this time around is no different.

Since 2000, the local volunteer group that specializes in one-on-one tutoring and mentoring for adults who find difficulty in reading and writing has been holding the fundraiser every two years.

On Saturday Apr. 10 at the Leisurplex banquet hall,

the ALC invites guests to enjoy a night of silent auctions, wine, beer and cheese tastings, dinner and dancing to benefit the local charity's programs and services.

Event chair Deanna DiMartile hopes residents and businesses will attend not only to make generous donations, but to also hear the story of guest speaker Andrea Menig, who is a

learner with the ALC.

"She" tells a wonderful story about her own experiences with the ALC and how it has empowered her life," said DiMartile.

This year's event has been given the title "Masquerade," and DiMartile says the ALC is encouraging people to wear masquerades and other fancy masks. Without giving

away any surprises for those who plan on attending, DiMartile said guests will be quite impressed with how much work is being put into making this an elegant evening.

"We've pulled out all the stops with the décor," she said.

The Fort Erie ALC has been a part of the local community for 32 years and

currently serves over 60 clients.

Individual tickets to the gala are \$90 and a \$50 tax receipt will be provided upon purchase.

For reservations and ticket information, call (905) 871-1605.

For more information, you can visit the ALC's website at [www.literacyforterie.ca](http://www.literacyforterie.ca).

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## Ice Boom removed

It's a sure sign that better weather is on the way.

The Lake Erie-Niagara River Ice Boom was removed this week.

The boom is owned and operated by the New York Power Authority and Ontario Power Generation. It's 22 spans permit the stable formation of ice cover to prevent blockage in the river and dam-

age to hydro-electric infrastructure and bridges down river.

Last year, the boom opening began on April 6 and was completed on April 13.

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# Twin Otter 400 getting ready for takeoff

40 per cent of classic plane's new model built locally

Kris Dubé  
The Times

Fleet Canada Inc. is flying high with the Twin Otter 400. The local aerospace company and its 113 employees have been working on the latest edition of the classic plane, originally built in the late 1960's.

There were 850 units

manufactured of the original model, that was discontinued in 1982.

After Feet Canada Inc.'s ownership transition with Fleet Industries and Magellan Aerospace in 2006, 40 per cent of the aircraft's parts have been manufactured locally and then sent to Viking Air's facility in Calgary for some finishing touches.

Parts being made here in Fort Erie include the plane's fins, floor panels and rear baggage compart-

ment among many others.

"We're very much a part of the legacy," said Glen Stansfield, president and chief executive officer of Fleet Canada Inc.

To date, 50 purchase orders have been made through the plane's investors Westerlark Capital.

Stansfield said considering today's economic times, it's very exciting to see the aircraft is doing such good business so far and it hasn't even taken off

yet. He pointed out that of the 850 original models made, 600 of them are still in flight today. According to Stansfield, it is proof that this is a reputable plane and a lot of people are looking forward to the latest model, originally built by De Havilland.

"There's a lot of excitement in the aerospace industry that we're bringing this thing back to life," he said.

Parts for the Twin Otter are being built at many

locations including Quebec and the seats are made down the road at Aerospace Industries.

"There are a number of suppliers from all over the place," said Stansfield. There are 400 changes being made to the previous model and Stansfield said the new version will be a testament to it, but will have more modernized features.

"The new ones will be built to a much tougher manufacturing standard,"

he said.

The Twin Otter 400 will seat 19 passengers and is available with wheels, skis and pontoons.

Stansfield said he hopes the attention it has been getting as of late will continue for many years to come and become an even more respected aircraft than the original model.

"We just want to see the first one delivered and watch the production cycle start to pick up again," said Stansfield.

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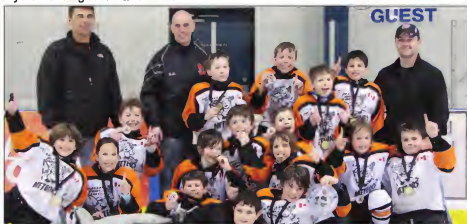
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## Flyers heading to Ontario finals



Look who is number one once again. Carrying momentum over from their Christmas Tournament title, the Greater Fort Erie Atom House League Flyers are now league champions. The Flyers captured the title in Ridgeway and are on their way to Brantford for the All Ontario finals. Flyer team members are Spencer Mackenzie, Ian Mackenzie, Carter Seguin, Steven England, Emily Kenny, Cole Ramsey, Matthew Bolton, Braden Quakenbush, Alex Hall, Jesse Devereux, Andrew Holman, Gregory Gebhardt, Connor Hebbourn, Cody Learmonth, Tristin Poulin, Ethan Vannatter. The coaches are Kevin Kormos, Paul Seguin and Chris Ramsey.

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**Brick**  
To the woman I saw driving on Thunder Bay Road last week, who happened to be applying make-up. She swerved into traffic because she was so distracted. Nearly crashing into oncoming traffic didn't even stop her as I noticed she continued to put her make up on after her close call with another vehicle. Get up 15 minutes earlier or stop being so obsessed with yourself so you don't have to put people's lives in danger.

**Brick**  
To people who walk their dogs near the Farr Road cemetery and let me see their business there. What a disgrace.

**Bouquet**  
To people who will be participating in Earth Hour tonight. It's only an hour and it can't be too hard to find something other than watching tele-

vision or surfing the Internet to keep yourself entertained for a short time.

**Brick**  
To people who don't say 'thank you' in a number of situations. For instance, letting someone pass by at crosswalks along the Friendship Trail or at a local grocery store is a nice gesture and a simple sign of gratitude wouldn't kill you.

**Bouquet**  
To the person that found my purse in a buggy at a local grocery store. I was in a huge rush loading my groceries into the car and didn't even realize I only had my keys with me when I returned home. I called the store immediately and an employee told me someone had brought it inside for me, without taking anything. Honest people are the best.

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## Births



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## Birthday greetings

# Lordy, Lordy, Look who's 40?

**MARCEY "Bond" MATTHEWS**  
Happy 40th Birthday  
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**Taylor John (T.J.)**

What a precious bundle of joy you are, cute from head to toe. You melt my hearts with your sweetness everywhere you go. You're a very special gift descended from heaven above. The most perfect little angel sent for your Nanny, Poppy, Uncle Mike and Aunt Patty to love. With all our love and best wishes for your very 1st Birthday

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## In memoriam

**Graham / Mayberry**  
In loving memory of my husband  
**Edward Graham**  
who passed away March 28, 1997  
and my sister Norma Mayberry  
who passed away March 20, 2006.  
Sadly missed by June and family.



In loving memory of a wonderful  
Husband and Father,

**Gilles Lacroix**

October 11, 1960 - March 27, 2008  
I can't believe it's been 4 long years  
There are many times  
I can't believe it's true.  
I still expect to see your everyday.

Then I come back to reality and the grief, the sadness and the loneliness sink in. I ask to you everyday and I ask you to watch over me and our sons.

Life is so hard without you.  
I miss being happy, safe and loved.  
You made me feel all those things.  
I was so lucky to have you in my life.  
I will love you and miss you until the day I die.  
Love always, Margaret

**"To Our Dad"**  
Farewell, dear father, thy work is o'er.  
Thy willing hands will toil no more.  
A loving father, kind and true  
No one on earth we'll find like you.  
Love, Mathew and Michael

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## In memoriam



## Remembering Sophie

**Cindy McCooley-Little**  
March 29, 2009

In our hearts your memory lingers,  
Sweetly tender, fond and true.  
There is not a day, dear mother,  
That we do not think of you.

We seem to see in the soft dim light  
A face we love the best;  
Recalling her as the sun's last rays  
Go down in the far off west.

We miss her more as time goes on,  
We can never close our hearts;  
And the lamp of our love still burns.  
Her heart the truest in all the world.

Her love the best to recall;  
None on earth could take her place,  
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a loving son, brother and uncle who  
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Your presence we miss  
Your memory we treasure.  
Loving you always  
Forgetting you never.  
Rest in Peace, our Dave,  
Dad, Mom, Bob, Mark and families.

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## Deaths

**SPEAR, Allen Wray** - Born June 14th, 1926, Fort Erie. Allen Wray Spear passed away on March 23rd, 2010 at the Greater Niagara General Hospital following a brief illness. Loving husband of the late June Spear (2009). Proud father of Gail (Jack Kenney) Spear, Sheree (Brian) Benner, William (Patty) Spear. Cherished grandfather of Christina (Ben) & Michael Benner, Lauren & Rachael Speare. Private family services were held. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES**, 1105 Benner Ave., Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. If so desired, donations to the Ontario Heart and Stroke Foundation would be appreciated by the family.

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## Deaths

**WALTON, George** - George Walton passed away today at Fort Erie on Tuesday March 23, 2010 at the age of 78. He is survived by his sister Mary McKinnon of Hamilton and many nieces, nephews and cousins. Predeceased by his parents Helen and Frank Walton. George worked for many years with the C.N. Railway. In keeping with his wishes, cremation followed by private family services will take place. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES**, 1105 Benner Ave., Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements.

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## Card of thanks

**SEBURN, Omar (Lavrene)** - We would like to thank ambulance attendants, staff at GNGHEM and Fort Erie Palliative Care for going so kind. To Pastor Gary Page for his support to Lavrene, the family and funeral service - to Darren Flagg at Benner Funeral Services for his guidance - to Shirley Morrison and Wilma Ailes and many helpers who provided the banquet at 1st Baptist Church - to Ken and Bernice Suggs, Aubrey Taylor and friends who helped - to all our supportive family and friends, especially Marie Joslin who kept us all fed at the house - to Jesus, our wonderful Saviour, and Friend, how can we say thanks for the things you have done for us? We are so indebted, yet you give to prove your love for us - the voices of a million angels could not express our gratitude. To God be the Glory. Love, Janet, Kathleen, Timothy, Ronald, Rebekah. We'll see you in the morning over there.

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**Tontondontani** - The family of the Late Darlene Rannier Tontondontani wish to extend thanks and appreciation to relatives, friends and co-workers for all the expressions of sympathy, prayers, cards, flowers, donations, food and visitation at the funeral home. Thank you for all your amazing love and support when it was needed most. Special thanks to Drs. Gleason, Levesque and Scher for giving Darlene the attention and respect while in your care. To nurses Pat Eberly and Pat Hannigan, you were there for Dan, he trusted you, he liked you.

To Father Randy who presided at the service - reassuring us with your comforting scripture. To the family of The Rev. Dr. Thomas To Dan Flagg of Benner Funeral Services, your helpful assistance was sincerely appreciated. To Tony and Maria's Catering for the wonderful luncheon after the service. To our dear friend Wendy who wrote a poem for Dan and shared it with us at the funeral. (We will treasure it).

To Dan's cousin Brian, friend John, brother-in-law John and his 12 lady friends, Team 95 from Livingston's, whose eulogies with kind and sometimes humorous words were very heartfelt. We could not have been there for Dan during his illness and at his passing.

To pallbearers - Darryl Smith, Jim Nayler, Carlos Gomes, Tom Ferguson, Mike Seabach, John Macdonald for carrying their team-mate to his final resting place (he loved his job).

To Chris, John, Terri, Ashley and Cocoa who made Dan part of their family. You brought much happiness to him. God Bless you.

Finally our dear family who were always there when we needed them - Barbara, Linda, Olga, Phyllis and the Pontolillo clan - you gotta love them.

Forever grateful - The Tontondontani and Mackay Families.

P.S. - Dear Dan, today you would have been 48 - Happy Birthday - We had a dinner and cake for you - but things were not the same. Miss you, love you, forever in our thoughts and hearts.  
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But we miss you more than words can say.  
I'm sure that Heaven is a special place.  
When we look to the clouds  
we see your happy face.  
The memories that you left  
touch us every day.  
Till we meet again my pray  
for that special day!

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**VANDERKLEI, Alivia Nicole** - On March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010, Alivia Nicole Vanderklei earned her wings, surrounded by her family after a 15 month battle with neuroblastoma cancer. Born July 14, 2002 in Niagara Falls, Alivia attended J.K. at Stevensville Public School and went to the Ballet Plus School of Dance and was well known at the local arenas playing with her friends. Throughout her struggle her character was never shaken and she lived each day with cancer with a strong and positive attitude. At the age of four, she exemplified unparalleled courage, inspiring us all and made us so very proud. She is survived by her mom Chantal (Longpre), her dad Craig, big brothers Mathieu and Andrew, and baby sister Katelyn. Also survived by her loving grandparents, Priscille and Marcel Longpre, Tony and Kathleen Vanderklei, her great grandparents Albert and Pauline Coux and the rest of her family who will miss her deeply. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES**, 1105 Benner Ave., Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. The family received friends on Monday, March 22. Funeral Services were conducted in the Benner Funeral Chapel on Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock. Reception followed at Fort Erie Golf Club. In lieu of flowers, donations to the James Fund dedicated to finding a cure for neuroblastoma, by visiting [www.jamesfund.ca](http://www.jamesfund.ca) would be greatly appreciated by the family.

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To all our friends, family, caregivers, and everyone who supported us through this ordeal, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Your comfort and support was appreciated more than you will ever know.  
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## Deaths

**GORRIE, Graeme Robert** - Passed away suddenly at his home in Fort Erie on Saturday March 20th, 2010. Loving husband of Cindy (Hirsz), father of Jim and Brent, son of Ross and Beigi Gorrie, brother of Deb (Ken) Roschick. Visitation at The HAMMOND-DAVIDSON FUNERAL HOME, 41 Wilmot Street, Fort Erie on Saturday March 27th, from 12 noon-1:00 p.m., with service to follow. There will then be a "Celebration of Life" from 2:00 - 5:00 at The Ridgeway Legion Branch #20, 228 South Mill Street. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Heart & Stroke Foundation of Ontario. On-line guest register at [www.hammondsdavidsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.hammondsdavidsonfuneralhome.com).

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